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CONTAINING SALTS OF α -SULFO FATTY

ACID ALKYL ESTERS IN HIGH CONCENTRATIONS, PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF, GRANULATED DETERGENTS, AND PROCESS FOR

PRODUCTION THEREOF

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 25, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.